

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action all of the pending claims were rejected in view of the disclosure of the cited Nakayama patent. By this response, however, all of those claims have been cancelled and replaced with 10 new claims which are believed to be patentably distinct over the prior art.

Specifically, new independent Claims 31, 37, and 39, relate to image processing wherein a file of image data is created in a memory, which file can be selected by a user for transmitting the image data. Moreover, those claims require that the image data that is registered in the file is read in both as color image data and as monochrome image data.

In this regard, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as claimed in Claims 31, 37, and 39 is not disclosed or even suggested by the cited Nakayama patent.

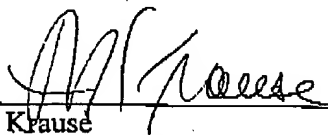
Referring now to new independent Claims 35, 38, and 40, it is stressed that those claims pertain to the transmission of image data wherein a memory is employed to store a document image in a plurality of formats in a file, and wherein the image data is read out of the file in one of the plurality of formats which is suitable for a destination apparatus. Again, the user selects the file from which the image data is to be read out.

In connection with Claims 35, 38, and 40, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited Nakayama patent does not disclose the invention as set forth in those claims.

For these various reasons it is believed that new Claims 31-40 are allowable, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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